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Night Ranger expects upbeat Lincoln premiere

By Bill Allen
Senior Editor

The rock group Night Ranger, which will perform for the first time in Lincoln, has captured the MTV audience. "Sentimental Street," the video spawned from Night Ranger's third album, ranks third on MTV's listings. And Jack Blades, the group's bassist and one of two lead vocalists, said he expects the group's new video release, "Four in the Morning," to do well. It premiered on MTV last Thursday. "This one is funny," Blades said, "It's more of our style. We had more say in its production than in the others." One of the others was a video for "Sister Christian," which was a top-five

single, last year. Night Ranger will be in Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium today at 8 p.m. Blades said the group looks forward to the show. "We like playing in some of the smaller cities," he said. "The shows are more fun. The audience is not as jaded as they are in, say, New York or Los Angeles."

Blades is joined by drummer and lead vocalist Kelly Keagy, keyboard player Alan "Fitz" Fitzgerald and lead guitarists Brad Gillis and Jeff Watson. Night Ranger, a band from the San Francisco Bay area, has been together only five years, and Blades attributed the band's fast rise and success to its style and songwriting.

"We always concentrate on writing the songs," he said. "Good songs will keep you at the top."

Because of this, Blades said, Night Ranger should be at the top for a while. "We're not the fad-type band," he said. "We consider ourselves a good, hard-rocking band. People are always trying to classify us, but mainly we are just a rock band that tries to have a great fun time."

Blades said the group travels with its own sound and light show and puts on a good performance.

"Also, we don't try to get too deep with our music," he said. "If you want music you can use to figure out your life with, you might as well go listen to Bob Dylan."

Despite some early setbacks — "Every record company in America but one turned us down twice," Blades said —



Night Ranger

Photo courtesy of MCA Records

Night Ranger gained national success with their second album, "Midnight Madness." Billboard magazine listed the album on its top 200 album chart for more than a year. "Sister Christian," the hit single, has helped the album sell almost one million copies. The third and current album, "7 Wishes," was recorded during the first

three months of this year. Blades, who is considered the group's primary songwriter, said that on this album, "everybody pitches in."

"Jeff brought in some great chord changes on the track 'Goodbye,'" he said. "Fitz came up with some killer music for 'I Will Follow You,' and Kelly

wrote and sang 'Faces.'" The group is about half-way through its U.S. tour, Blades said. During April and May, the group toured Japan and Europe.

"Success gave us greater confidence," Blades said, "It's made us work harder, too. It's important to us not to let the people down."

Latest Night Ranger record doesn't quite make the grade

By Paul Morin
Staff Reporter

Frankly put, Night Ranger's new album, "7 Wishes," is brainless music. One can't deny the band's popularity, with this album's recent hit, "Sentimental Street," doing well. The group's earlier hits included "Sister

Christian" and "Don't Tell Me You Love Me."

"7 Wishes," is filled, groove-to-groove, with bland, unimaginative music. Sample side two's first song, "This Boy Needs to Rock." The twists of phrasing, the poetic intertwining of the lyrics and music and the insightful, philosophical words themselves all reek of brilliance. For example:

Actually, there is some talent shown on this album. There really is. There is a talented rehashing of mid-1970s Michael Stanley Band music. That's the kind of talent there is on this album. After listening to Stanley's "Stagepass" and "Heartland" and then hearing this album, this reviewer is thoroughly convinced of the existence of *deja' vu*.

Taking the band's nature and its earlier successes as givens, "7 Wishes" is sure to please present Night Ranger fans, but as for gaining any converts — well, it would be easier to shove a camel through the eye of a needle.

G.P.A. Rating: 1.95

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